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WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 2003

Virginia faced a week of warm temperatures with humidity and some rainfall towards the end of the week. The warm weather was uncharacteristic for this time of year. It, however, made for good harvesting and seeding conditions at the beginning of the week. Towards the end of the week, much of Virginia faced large downpours of rain as a cold front moved across the state. There were some reports of flooding in fields and of roads. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.6. Small grain land preparations and seeding continued with some wheat and barley emerging. There were some reports of wheat planted just before the heavy rains that will need to be replanted. Some soybeans were slow to dry down this week due to the rains and humidity. Peanut and corn harvests were nearing completion. However, cotton and soybean harvesting activities were in full swing. Other farming activities included spreading lime, scouting small grains, watching grain and cotton market prices, baling late season hay, fertilizing small grains, continuing cleanup from Hurricane Isabel, cleaning and storage of peanut equipment, spreading manure from lagoons, baling peanut vines, planting cover crops, and taking soil samples.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 9	0	2	76	22
November 2	0	9	77	14
October 26	1	16	79	4
October 19	1	6	85	8
October 12	1	8	75	16

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	2	4	22	55	17
Livestock	0	1	16	65	18
Other Hay	1	6	33	51	9
Alfalfa Hay	3	11	35	46	5
Soybeans	3	8	19	46	24

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Harvested	92	84	99	95
Soybeans Harvested	52	39	43	55
Winter Wheat Seeded	62	48	50	58
Barley Seeded	92	85	94	91
Peanuts Combined	92	80	86	95
Cotton Harvested	48	40	75	69

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
Blacksburg	79	30	56	11	1.56	0.85	2
Bremo Bluff	86	34	62	12	2.81	1.97	2
Burkes Garden	77	24	52	11	0.84	0.07	2
Camp Pickett	81	32	62	12	0.92	0.12	2
Chatham	81	33	60	11	0.27	-0.57	2
Dale Enterprise	80	25	57	10	0.45	-0.25	2
Danville AG	82	35	64	13	0.76	-0.01	1
Floyd	80	28	56	10	1.24	0.39	2
Free Union	84	30	60	9	1.95	1.04	2
Glasgow	84	31	61	13	1.91	1.21	2
Hillsville	80	30	59	12	1.21	0.37	3
Lake Of The Woods	81	29	60	10	1.62	0.71	2
Lynchburg	80	32	61	11	1.58	0.81	2
Mount Weather	80	26	56	11	0.79	-0.09	2
Norfolk	85	46	68	13	0.58	-0.05	3
Piedmont Rsrch. Stat.	82	30	61	11	2.12	1.21	2
Pulaski	80	29	57	11	1.28	0.65	2
Richlands	82	28	56	14	1.23	0.46	4
Richmond	82	33	63	12	1.30	0.53	1
Roanoke	82	34	62	12	1.64	0.86	2
Saltville	84	30	57	10	1.49	0.76	2
Somerset	83	31	61	12	2.58	1.67	2
Staunton	80	27	58	13	0.23	-0.53	1
Stuart	82	34	62	13	2.30	1.46	3
The Plains	83	23	59	10	1.04	0.20	3
Washington Dulles	81	29	60	12	1.85	1.08	2
Waynesboro	80	29	59	13	2.64	1.88	2
Winchester	84	22	58	11	0.38	-0.39	2
Woodstock	84	25	59	10	0.83	0.13	2
Wytheville	79	27	55	10	1.40	0.74	3

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.